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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

JAMES MARSHALL OATHOUT

CASE NO: SS2945USNA

APPLICATION NO.: 09/467,168

GROUP ART UNIT: 1771

FILED: DECEMBER 20, 1999

EXAMINER: JENNA LEIGH BEFUMO

FOR: NONWOVEN FABRICS FOR WIPING
APPLICATIONS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated February 26, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

1 (twice amended). A method of using a nonwoven fabric for wiping in Class 10 or cleaner cleanrooms as determined by FED-STD-209E, comprising the steps of

contacting with the nonwoven fabric a quantity of particle-burdened liquid present on a surface,

removing from the surface by wiping with the nonwoven fabric at least a portion of the quantity of the particle-burdened liquid such that the surface has a cleanliness suitable for use in Class 10 or cleaner cleanrooms as determined by FED-STD-209E.

Please add the following new claims:

16 18. The method of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric is cleanroom laundered.

17 19. The method of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric is comprised of fibers selected from the group consisting of polyester, lyocell, and blends of polyester with lyocell,